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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 9802

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, JA, KN

SUBJ: JAPAN-NORTH KOREAN RELATIONS: DIETMEN'S VISITS

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. FONOFF NOT TOLD IN ADVANCE ABOUT LDP DIETMEMBER UTSUNOMIYA'S MEETING WITH NORTH KOREANS REPORTED BY KYODO FROM PEKING JUNE 21. NORTHEAST ASIA DIV DIRECTOR SEO LEARNED AFTER FACT THAT UTSUNOMIYA HAD BEEN BRIEFED BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM TOKYO BY PRIME MINISTER MIKI ON WHAT TO TELL KOREANS AND THAT PRINCIPAL SUBJECT HE WOULD BROACH WOULD BE NORTH KOREAN DEBT TO JAPAN. PRESS CARRIES REPORTS FROM PEKING THAT UTSUNOMIYA MEETINGS WITH NORTH KOREANS SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN CHINA JULY 11 HAD OCCURRED ON CHINESE SIDE OF YALU. UTSUNOMIYA REPORTED THAT DEBT QUESTION WOULD BE SOLVED BY END OF MONTH.

2. SEO COMMENTED THAT UTSUNOMIYA NOT PARTICULARLY RELIABLE IN PAST AND THAT MONTH HAD LESS THAN TEN DAYS TO RUN UNTIL "SOLUTION" DUE. IN ANY CASE, SEO ADDED, GOVERNMENT MADE POLICY AND NOT INDIVIDUAL DIETMEMBERS.

3. THIRTEEN-MEMBER LDP STUDY MISSION HEADED BY HAJIME TAMURA DEPARTED TOKYO JULY 20 FOR PEKING ENROUTE TO PYONGYANG. FONOFF, CONFIDENTIAL

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AWARE OF VISIT IN ADVANCE, TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF PARTY AT END OF LAST WEEK, STRESSING SIMPLY THAT NORTH KOREAN DEBTS MADE TOKYO-PYONGYANG RELATIONS DIFFICULT, AND THAT JAPAN STRONGLY BACKED PROMPT AND UNCONDITIONAL RE-OPENING OF THE SOUTH-NORTH TALKS

WITH SEOUL. SEO SAID THAT FOREIGN OFFICE INTERESTED IN TAMURA MIS-  
SION BECAUSE IT WAS FIRST LARGE GROUP TO VISIT NORTH KOREA SINCE  
1972. THOUGH VISITORS WERE DOVES BY REPUTATION, HE HOPED THEY WOULD  
NOT GIVE NORTH KOREA THE IMPRESSION THAT JAPAN AGREED WITH EVERY-  
THING KIM IL-SUNG SAID OR WROTE. IF DELEGATION CAN MAKE KOREANS  
UNDERSTAND THIS POINT, SEO CONCLUDED, THEY WILL BE DOING PYONGYANG  
A FAVOR.  
HODGSON

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